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ABSTRACT

This encyclopedia contains 106 articles on adult development that were written by more than 75 specialists in such diverse fields as anthropology, communication, education, health sciences, history, and psychology. In a guide to related topics that is presented at the beginning of the encyclopedia, the 106 articles are grouped under the following broad topics: adulthood as a time of life; communicating; competency and coping; gender and sex influences; generations; health, illness, and survival; interpersonal relationships; mental illness; paths through life; perceiving self and world, personal change and development; social and environmental influences; theoretical perspectives; and thought processes. Many articles include substantial bibliographies. An introduction, a list of contributors, an alphabetical list of articles, and an index are also included. (MN)

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